THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL):

Details of New Rail Line Projects in Gujarat are given as under:

(Rupees in crore)

Sl. No.	Plan-Head	Name of Project	Length (in km)	Year of Approval	Latest Anticipated Cost	Expected Expenditure upto March 2002	Budget Outlay 2002-03	Status
1	New Line	Kapadvanj Modasa	59.71	1978-79	61.67	59.36	0.01	Work has been completed, recently. Action has been initiated to post the necessary man power for opening the line which is a prerequisite before opening.
2	New Line	Godhra Indore Dewas Maksi	316	1989-90	597	46.73	22.1	This work is being executed in phases. The first phase work between Dewas and Maksi has been completed. Final location survey on Godhra-Indore is in progress.
3	New Line	Gandhinagar Adreaj Moti Kalol	20	2000-01	52.00	0.02	10	Final location survey has been completed. Preparation of plans and estimate is in progress. Land plans have been prepared and submitted to State Government.

Train between Meerut and New Delhi

4763. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether two new stations, Chandar Nagar Halt and Chandar Vihar (Mandawali) have been added by the Railway recently on

Ghaziabad-New Delhi route, resulting in increase of thousands of passengers;

(b) whether one new train between Meerut-New Delhi *via* Tilak Bridge was announced in the DRUCC meeting recently, held by the Railway authorities;

(c) if so, by when the aforesaid train is likely to be started to mitigate the sufferings of commuters, travelling between Ghaziabad and New Delhi; and

(d) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Two new stations have been added on Ghaziabad-New Delhi route. On an average, during 2001-02, 794 passengers were booked per day from these two stations.

(b) to (d) It is proposed to introduce a Passenger train between Delhi and Meerut during 2002-03, as announced in the Railway Budget 2002-03.

Position of Shatabdi and Rajdhani Trains

4764. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shatabdi and Rajdhani Trains are in Doldrums, as reported in Delhi Mid-Day dated the 20th February, 2002; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken to improve the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) As compared to the previous year, Rajdhani Express trains have shown overall increase in the number of passengers booked and the earnings. The Shatabdi Express trains have shown slight decline in the number of passengers booked as well as earnings.

(b) The performance of the Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express trains is closely monitored. Improvements through waiting list analysis and sector wise analysis are done to assess the demand, changes